

Refrigerator Notes 08 February 2015
'To Serve'
Mark 1 29-39

1. The central message of this morning's scripture was that the 'Son of Man' came not to be ministered unto, but to minister to others and give his life as a ransom for many
2. "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" Philippians 2:4
3. The scripture covered three points this morning, which we needed to pay attention: Leadership, Service, and Prayer
4. Part of leadership is not only leading, but being able to follow and being able to teach others who are following
5. Service to mankind goes hand and hand with leadership, like a glove that covers a hand — we all are called to service to feed Jesus' sheep
6. Service to our fellow man encompasses a wide range of works, in different kinds of settings, it involves different kinds of people, who are suffering and have their own unique problems, and service involves different kinds of problems that require not the same solutions
7. Mark 1:31 causes the reader to ask the question, if the woman was healed, why was her first response to serve the four disciples and Jesus
8. Scripture does not tell us why the woman's first response is one of service, but the Greek translation for the word 'service' meaning 'to wait upon'
9. Jesus expected his disciples to not only share in His service to others, but to follow as well as be able to teach others how to be disciples and servants
10. Service is not about jumping on Jesus's bandwagon, because He is doing great things (healings and exorcism), but we are called to be servants to those who are the least of those in Jesus' Kingdom.
11. The call to discipleship is not about being a follower of Jesus, but a call to serve. Putting yourself last as you wait upon others (whether you love them or not)
12. The last element of the scripture addressed was the need for prayer to fulfill the work and task of servicing others, handling others problems can create a burn out factor, and yet, prayer serves as an energy drink that revives the soul and restores one's vigor to run the race, without fainting
13. Even Jesus needed time alone from His exhausted works, to pray not only for Himself, but for His disciples, as well as for others (Be exhausted for God, but remember that He is your supply)
14. "Have faith in God Truly I tell you ... whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours."
15. We as servants need prayer to maintain the proper attitude and behavior that is exhibited towards those whom we serve — it's about our love for Christ — and those whom are being served in the name of Jesus. (The process of being made broken bread and poured-out wine means you have to nourish others)
16. Service to others does not call us to perform tasks that are familiar or in familiar surroundings, but service calls us to serve where the fields have not been tilled and uncertainty faces us daily (Jesus did not walk the safe and seemingly successful paths, but followed the way God had set before Him.)
17. Christ's plan for what produces the maximum blessings to the world and the church is the role of the servant (To Serve) — intent may be good within your heart, but Jesus demands that we put some actions to our intentions (the fields to be harvested are many, but the labors are few)